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Office Action Summary

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08/876,839

Applicant(s)

HOLT ET AL.

Examiner

Benny Q. Tieu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 22-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 22-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Prosecution Application

1. The request filed on January 31, 2002 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/876,839 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-16, and 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yue et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,764,747).

Regarding claims 1-7, 11, 13, 22-24, and 27, Yue teaches, in an integrated computer telephony system including a call routing system, a system and method for routing a call based on the identity of an originating source of said call, comprising the steps of:

maintaining a plurality of routing lists for a telephony subscriber, each of said routing lists comprising a plurality of directory numbers where the subscriber can be reached (Abstract), and for each of said routing lists:

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associating each routing list with at least one originating source (column 7, lines 9-11);

determining an order of said directory numbers (column 7, lines 4-6);

receiving said call from a first originating source (column 10, lines 24-27);

identifying said first originating source of said call (column 10, lines 27-54);

selecting a routing list from said plurality of routing lists based on the identity of said first originating source (column 3, lines 16-20); and

directing said call sequentially to the directory numbers on said routing list selected (column 40-57).

Regarding claims 8-10, Yue further teaches the method wherein the selecting a routing list step further comprises the step of selecting the routing list from a group of routing lists identified for the originating party based on the day of the week or/and the time of the day the communication is received (column 7, lines 1-10).

Regarding claim 12, Yue further teach the system wherein the processing unit directs the call setup request by: selecting a first directory number from the routing list; routing the call to the first directory number; receiving communication disposition information from the first directory number; and if the communication disposition indicates the routing step failed, selecting a next directory number from the routing list and repeating above steps at the next directory number (column 3, lines 16-57).

Regarding claim 14, Yue further teaches the computer-readable medium wherein the identifying criteria comprises a CLID message and the step of obtaining an identifying criteria further comprises receiving the CLID message (Abstract).

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Regarding claim 15, Yue further teaches the computer-readable medium wherein the identifying criteria comprises a DTMF code sequence and the step of obtaining an identifying criteria further comprises detecting the DTMF code sequences (column 8, lines 11-24).

Regarding claim 16, Yue further teaches the computer-readable medium wherein the identifying criteria comprises a DTMF code sequence and the step of obtaining an identifying criteria further comprises the steps of: providing keypad menu selection options to the called party; and receiving a DTMF signal corresponding to a keypad menu selection from the called party (Fig. 7-26C).

Regarding claims 25 and 26, it should be noticed that area code is included in Calling Line number Identification (CLID). Therefore, when the CLID is detected, area code is detected. Further, exchange carrier is associated with the CLID, hence the exchange carrier code is detected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yue et al. as applied to claims 1 and 5 above, and further in view of McAllister et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,450).

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Regarding claims 17-18, Yue teaches the method for selecting a routing list based on call identification telephone number (Abstract). Yue fails to teach "a speech sample" that is used to identify a caller in order to routing the call. However, McAllister teaches a communication network comprising a peripheral to analyzes speech of a caller to identify the caller (column 4, lines 19-25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of analyzing speech of a caller as taught by McAllister into the method disclosed by Yue in order to identify the caller to route the call.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed November 1, 2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant states that Yue does not disclose selecting a routing list based on the identity of the originating source. Examiner respectfully disagrees. Yue clearly teaches the system accepts both voice calls or facsimile calls for a subscriber (Fig. 2) and routing the call to an appropriated destination based on the call is a facsimile call or voice call (originating source).

Applicant states that Yue does not disclose selecting a routing list based on the identity of the originating party. Examiner respectfully disagrees. Yue clearly teaches that the system receives communications directed to a subscriber's personal number and identifies the source of the communication. Yue further teaches that the identification is made through calling line identification, through a personalized list of calls, or through source identification (Abstract, lines 8-12). Moreover, priority callers are distinguished from the other callers (column 8, lines 1-10).

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Conclusion

7. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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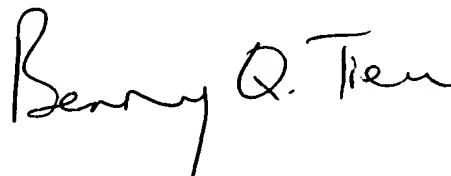
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